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## COMMITTEE REPORT

YES:	10
NO:	0

### MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Elections and Apportionment, to which was referred House Bill 1639, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

- 1 Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
- 2 paragraph and insert:
- 3 "SECTION 1. IC 3-5-2-50.4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 4 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 5 1, 2001]: **Sec. 50.4. "Voter's bill of rights" refers to the statement**
- 6 **prescribed by the commission under IC 3-5-8.**
- 7 SECTION 2. IC 3-5-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
- 8 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 9 1, 2001]:
- 10 **Chapter 8. The Voter's Bill of Rights**
- 11 **Sec. 1. The commission shall prescribe a statement of the rights**
- 12 **of a voter in Indiana that shall be known as "the voter's bill of**
- 13 **rights".**
- 14 **Sec. 2. The statement required by section 1 of this chapter must**

1 contain the following:

2 (1) A statement of the qualifications that an individual must  
3 meet to vote in Indiana, including qualifications relating to  
4 registration.

5 (2) A statement describing the circumstances that permit a  
6 voter who has moved from the precinct where the voter is  
7 registered to return to that precinct to vote.

8 (3) A statement that an individual who meets the  
9 qualifications and circumstances listed in subdivisions (1) and  
10 (2) may vote in the election.

11 (4) A statement describing how a voter who is challenged at  
12 the polls may be permitted to vote.

13 (5) A statement informing the voter what assistance is  
14 available to assist the voter at the polls.

15 (6) A statement informing the voter what circumstances will  
16 spoil the voter's ballot and the procedures available for the  
17 voter to request a new ballot.

18 (7) A statement describing which voters will be permitted to  
19 vote at the closing of the polls.

20 (8) Other information that the commission considers  
21 important for a voter to know.

22 Sec. 3. The commission may require a copy of the voter's bill of  
23 rights to be distributed with voter registration materials or other  
24 materials that are given to voters.

25 Sec. 4. The secretary of state or other state agency posting  
26 election information on the state's Internet site shall include the  
27 voter's bill of rights on the site.

28 Sec. 5. Not later than thirty (30) days before a primary, general,  
29 or municipal election, the secretary of state shall request Indiana  
30 news media to include a copy of the voter's bill of rights as part of  
31 election coverage or in public service announcements."

32 Page 1, line 16, after "(36) inches" insert "containing the voter's  
33 bill of rights."

34 Page 1, delete line 17.

35 Page 2, line 1, delete "summary" and insert "poster".

- 1 Page 2, delete lines 8 through 42.
- 2 Page 3, delete lines 1 through 16.
- 3 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.  
(Reference is to HB 1639 as introduced.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass.**

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Representative Kromkowski